GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL PRACTICE BY MEDICAL GRADUATES
Patil Shri Shriniwas Dadasaheb

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that many Indian students who have graduated from foreign universities are practising in medical fields without proper registration in India ;

(b) if so, whether such cases have come to the notice of the Government;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the degrees in medical field from foreign universities are considered at a par with the standards set in the medical field in India ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e): No such specific instance has come to the notice of the Government. With a view to assess the adequacy of knowledge acquired by Indian students with foreign primary medical degree so as to consider them at par with the standards of medical education in India, the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 has been amended in the year 2001 to introduce the Screening test. In pursuance of the said Amendment Act, the Medical Council of India has notified the Screening Test Regulations 2002. As per these Regulations, any Indian student with foreign primary medical qualification desirous of obtaining provisional or permanent registration to practice medicine in India shall have to qualify the Screening test for that purpose.